

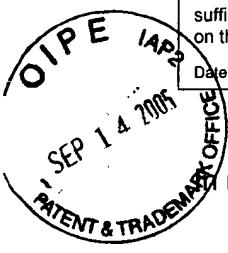
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Appln. No.: 10/808,067

Filed: March 24, 2004

For: PIPE COUPLER

Attorney Docket No: 10210/10

Examiner: DUNWOODY, Aaron M.

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Attached is/are:

- 2 Pages of Response to Election/Restrictions Requirement
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Fee calculation:

- No additional fee is required.
- Small Entity.
- An extension fee in an amount of \$ _____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$ _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(______).
- An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=
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Fee payment:

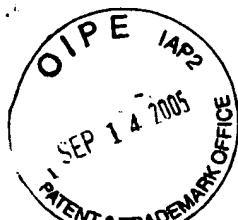
- A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$ _____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- Payment by credit card in the amount of \$ _____. (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2005, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (Figs. 1-6) without traverse. The Examiner is advised that claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12 read on Figs. 1-6.

Respectfully submitted,



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